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1. On 1 January 1952, the 387 skilled workers engaged in arms manufacture at the Hsin Nan (新南) Machine Works¹ in Shihching (113-15, 23-13) went on strike because they were not paid double time for working on the Lunar New Year. On 5 January all the employees at the machine works struck.
2. On 20 January the workers returned to work after a meeting on 19 January between YEH Chien-ying, chairman of the Kwangtung government, and four representatives of the workers, KAN Chung-kuang (甘重光), YING Chieh-chung (英傑重), FANG Ho-sheng (方和生), and T'AN Tz'u-jung (譚錫榮). At that meeting YEH promised time and one-half pay for work on the Lunar New Year but denounced the skilled workers for suspending operations.

1. Comment. Previously reported as the Hsi Nan Arsenal in Shihching. There was a strike at this arsenal between 7 and 14 December according to

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